

Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for generating ana Short Message Services (SMS) business message for processing by a software application in a SMS commerce infrastructure system, comprising the steps of:

preparing, by a business user, a new SMS business message to be sent to a mobile recipient such that the business user uses a graphic user interface (GUI) of a computer to invoke a SMS message composing wizard (SMS MCW) which is accessed by the GUI such that the SMS MCW retrieves a SMS universal encoding template (SMS UET) which includes pre-defined data parameters for existing categorizations (types) of SMS business messages to automatically facilitate the preparation of the new SMS business message by the business user such that the business user selects, using the SMS MCW, an existing type of SMS business message format defined by the SMS UET and then enters data at the GUI based on pre-defined data parameters for the existing selected type of SMS business message format to automatically prepare the new SMS business message;

retrieving, by a data collection interface (DCI) of a server which is in communication with the computer, the data entered at the GUI of the computer by the business user to prepare the new SMS business message;

validating, by the server, the data retrieved by the server DCI by comparing the data entered at the GUI to the SMS UET which has been retrieved by the server, to ensure that there are no data parameter errors and to ensure that the new SMS business message is properly formatted for the selected type of SMS business message format;

generating, by the server, a SMS message instance (SMS MI) which is categorized based on the type of SMS business message format selected by the business user;

transmitting, by the server, the SMS MI to a wireless gateway for delivery of the SMS MI to a mobile recipient;

sending a list of a plurality of available inbound templates for a SMS business message to a mobile recipient;

receiving from the mobile recipient an incoming SMS message in response to the SMS MI that was transmitted by the server to the mobile recipient such that an inbound template identification (ID) is extracted from the incoming SMS message by a runtime processor of the

server;

parsing, by the server runtime processor, the incoming SMS message to decode data of the incoming SMS message using an inbound template retrieved by the runtime processor from an inbound template database based on the extracted inbound template ID, such that the retrieved inbound template is associated with the selected type of SMS business message format of the SMS MI that was sent to the mobile recipient; and

routing, by the server, the decoded data of the incoming SMS message to a software application disposed in the server for processing of the decoded data under control of the software applicationa selection of at least one of the available inbound templates from the list;

generating at least one encoded categorized SMS business message in response to and corresponding to the selection received from the mobile recipient such that the generated at least one encoded categorized SMS business message includes a corresponding inbound template;

-sending the generated at least one encoded categorized SMS business message to the mobile recipient; and

receiving at least one request sent from the mobile recipient in response to the sending of the at least one encoded categorized SMS business message to perform a business transaction in a data processing system.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the transmittingsending of the generated at least one encoded categorized SMS MIbusiness message includes transmitting the SMS MIbusiness message over a telephone network to the mobile recipient.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the SMS MIbusiness message comprises:

a message text entry field for alerting the mobile recipient about a commerce event; and
an encryption string entry field.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3₁, wherein the SMS business message further ~~comprising~~comprises:

preparing, by the business user, a new SMS business message type for a new SMS business message to be sent to the mobile recipient such that the business user uses the GUI to invoke the SMS message composing wizard (SMS MCW) to define a format for the new SMS business message type, which is currently undefined by the SMS UET, and to define a new inbound template for a new incoming response SMS message from the mobile user which is to be associated with the new SMS business message type;

creating a new inbound template associated with the new SMS business message type to be used by the server runtime processor to parse and decode the new incoming SMS message, which is based on the new SMS business message type, sent by a mobile user in response to transmission to the mobile recipient of the new SMS business message; and

updating the existing SMS UET to include new definitions associated with the new SMS business message type and updating the inbound template database to include the new inbound template associated therewith;

a response indicator label;

a recipient data entry field associated with said response indicator label;

a recipient authentication indicator label; and

a recipient authentication data entry field associated with said recipient authentication indicator label.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3₁ wherein said encryption string entry field is adapted to accept communication session identification data.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5₁ wherein said session identification data may be used to associate a response to a sent message.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6₁ wherein said session identification data may be used to identify a software application to process a response to a sent message.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3₁ wherein said encryption string entry field is adapted to accept security data.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 34, wherein said SMS MI further comprises:

a recipient authentication data entry field which is adapted to accept a personal identification number (PIN) from said mobile recipient.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 34, wherein the SMS MI~~business message~~ further comprises:

a first recipient data entry field associated with asaid response indicator label, wherein said first recipient data entry field is adapted to allow a response to be inserted by a first mobile recipient; and

a second recipient data entry field associated with asaid authentication indicator label, wherein said second recipient data entry field is adapted to allow a response to be inserted by a second mobile recipient.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~preparing~~generating of the at least ~~one encoded categorized new~~ SMS business message comprises the SMS UET~~a~~n encoding template which includes categorization meta data defining a categorization (type) of SMS business messages, wherein:

the categorization represents a specific businesses intended usage;

the categorization meta data provides a definition of the categorization; and

the categorization meta data is parsable by a data processing system for generating SMS business messages.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein the SMS UET~~encoding template~~ further comprises:

a message entry field for insertion of a message entry of full SMS message length (at least 160 characters) for access by said mobile recipient, wherein:

said template provides an additional field in said new SMS business message for categorization meta data; and

said meta data provides instructions for encoding a business intended usage of said newan SMS business message.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein said meta data includes instructions for dispatching said new SMS business message including instructions selected from:

- a message priority;
- a delivery time;
- a number of recipients;
- a delivery channel;
- a need for confirmation;
- a need for authentication;
- a need for encryption; and
- an intended web application to handle a response.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein said meta data includes instructions for identifying a software application intended to handle an incoming response from the mobile recipient to said new SMS business message.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, further comprising ~~the steps of:~~
requesting, by a mobile user, a list of available inbound templates from a website of the
business user, such that in response to the mobile user's request for the list the server retrieves
the SMS UET and based on the existing types of SMS business message formats indicated by
the SMS UET a list of inbound templates associated with the existing types of SMS business
message formats is provided by the server to the mobile user; and
selecting, by the mobile user, at least one inbound template from the list of available
inbound templates
receiving in a server a SMS response message sent from said mobile recipient in
response to the sending of said at least one encoded categorized SMS business message;
decoding an encryption string within said SMS response message with an appropriate
key to verify that said response message is directed to said server;
extracting identification from said SMS response message for processing information in
said response;
identifying and obtaining a corresponding inbound template for said SMS response
message from said server; and
parsing said SMS response message with said inbound template to extract incoming
data and incoming instructions contained in said SMS response message, if any, for processing
said data and instructions.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, further comprising:
forwarding said extracted incoming data and incoming instructions to an application
server for processing; sending, by the server, the at least one inbound template selected by the
mobile user to be stored by the mobile user to be used by the mobile user to send at least one
SMS business message request to the server.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, wherein said at least one SMS response message includes:
an encryption string encoded with an encoding key;
identification information of a software application capable of processing said SMS response message; and
user authentication information.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein:
said server has access to said encoding key; and
said server has access to said inbound template.
19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, further comprising:
receiving in at the server the ~~at least one request sent from the mobile recipient as an~~
SMS response message sent from said mobile recipient in response to the sending of said ~~at least one encoded categorized SMS business message~~; and
tracking in a response tracking database said received SMS response message.
20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 19, further comprising:
identifying and parsing said received SMS response message by said server using an
inbound template selected from ~~the~~an inbound template database; and
processing said received SMS response message in said server and forwarding the
processed SMS response message to a software application in the server to invoke a command
by the software application~~in said data processing system~~.

21. (Currently Amended) A system to generate a SMS business message for delivery to a mobile recipient, comprising:

a computer for automatically preparing, by a business user, a new SMS business message to be sent to a mobile recipient such that the business user uses a graphic user interface (GUI) of the computer to invoke a SMS message composing wizard (SMS MCW) which is accessed by the GUI such that the SMS MCW retrieves a SMS universal encoding template (SMS UET) which includes pre-defined data parameters for existing categorizations (types) of SMS business messages to automatically facilitate the preparation of the new SMS business message by the business user such that the business user selects, using the SMS MCW, an existing type of SMS business message format defined by the SMS MCW and then enters data at the GUI based on pre-defined data parameters for the existing selected type of SMS business message format to automatically prepare the new SMS business message;

a server in communication with the computer, the server including which includes:

a data collection interface to retrieve the data entered at the GUI of the computer by the business user to prepare the new SMS business message,

wherein the server validates the data retrieved by the server DCI by comparing the data entered at the GUI by the business user to the SMS UET which has been retrieved by the server, to ensure that there are no data parameter errors and to ensure that the new SMS business message is properly formatted for the selected type of SMS business message format,

wherein the server generates a SMS message instance (SMS MI) which is categorized based on the type of SMS business message format selected by the business user,

wherein the server transmits the SMS MI to a wireless gateway for delivery of the SMS MI to a mobile phone of a mobile recipient,

wherein the mobile phone receives an incoming SMS message in response to the SMS MI that was transmitted by the server to the mobile recipient such that an inbound template identification (ID) is extracted from the incoming SMS message by a runtime processor of the server,

wherein the server runtime processor parses the incoming SMS message to decode data of the incoming SMS message using an inbound template retrieved by the runtime processor from an inbound template database based on the extracted inbound template ID, such that the retrieved inbound template is associated with the selected type of SMS business message format of the SMS MI that was sent to the mobile recipient, and

wherein, in response to the decoded data, the server routes the decoded data of the incoming SMS message to a software application disposed in the server for processing of the

~~decoded data under control of the software application~~ accept outgoing instructions and outgoing data for the mobile recipient in response to the mobile recipient having selected at least one of a plurality of SMS inbound templates from a list sent to the mobile recipient by the system;

~~– a message encoding engine to generate an encoded SMS business message from information provided by the data collection interface, and corresponding to the selection by the mobile recipient of the at least one SMS inbound template; using an encoding template such that the SMS business message is a categorized SMS message formatted for processing by a data processing system; and~~

~~a dispatcher runtime processor to process said encoded SMS business message for transmission over a network to the mobile recipient.~~

22. (Currently Amended) A computer program product directly loadable into an internal memory of a digital computer, comprising software code portions for performing, when said product is executed on a computer, a method including:

preparing, by a business user, a new SMS business message to be sent to a mobile recipient such that the business user uses a graphic user interface (GUI) of a computer to invoke a SMS message composing wizard (SMS MCW) which is accessed by the GUI such that the SMS MCW retrieves a SMS universal encoding template (SMS UET) which includes pre-defined data parameters for existing categorizations (types) of SMS business messages to automatically facilitate the preparation of the new SMS business message by the business user such that the business user selects, using the SMS MCW, an existing type of SMS business message format defined by the SMS MCW and then enters data based on pre-defined data parameters for the existing selected type of SMS business message format to automatically prepare the new SMS business message;

retrieving, by a data collection interface (DCI) of a server which is in communication with the computer, the data entered at the GUI of the computer by the business user to prepare the new SMS business message;

validating, by the server, the data retrieved by the server DCI by comparing the data entered at the GUI to the SMS UET which has been retrieved by the server, to ensure that there are no data parameter errors and to ensure that the new SMS business message is properly formatted for the selected type of SMS business message format;

generating, by the server, a SMS message instance (SMS MI) which is categorized based on the type of SMS business message format selected by the business user;

transmitting, by the server, the SMS MI to a wireless gateway for delivery of the SMS MI to a mobile recipient;

sending a list of a plurality of available inbound templates for a SMS business message to a mobile recipient;

receiving from the mobile recipient an incoming SMS message in response to the SMS MI that was transmitted by the server to the mobile recipient such that an inbound template identification (ID) is extracted from the incoming SMS message by a runtime processor of the server;

parsing, by the server runtime processor, the incoming SMS message to decode data of the incoming SMS message using an inbound template retrieved by the runtime processor from an inbound template database based on the extracted inbound template ID, such that the retrieved inbound template is associated with the selected type of SMS business message

format of the SMS MI that was sent to the mobile recipient; and

routing, by the server, the decoded data of the incoming SMS message to a software application disposed in the server for processing of the decoded data under control of the software application

sending a list of a plurality of available inbound templates for a SMS business message to a mobile recipient;

receiving from the mobile recipient a selection of at least one of the available inbound templates from the list;

generating at least one encoded categorized SMS business message in response to and corresponding to the selection received from the mobile recipient such that the generated at least one encoded categorized SMS business message includes a corresponding inbound template;

-sending the generated at least one encoded categorized SMS business message to the mobile recipient; and

receiving at least one request sent from the mobile recipient in response to the sending of the at least one encoded categorized SMS business message to perform a business transaction in a data processing system.

23. (Currently Amended) A method for processing an incoming e-commerce SMS response message received by a server from a mobile recipient responding to an outgoing e-commerce SMS message, comprising:

receiving from a mobile recipient an incoming SMS message in response to an SMS business message instance (SMS MI) that was automatically prepared by a business user using a SMS message composing wizard (SMS MCW) and which was transmitted by a server to the mobile recipient such that an inbound template identification (ID) is extracted from the incoming SMS message by a runtime processor of the server;

parsing, by the server runtime processor, the incoming SMS message to decode data of the incoming SMS message using an inbound template retrieved by the runtime processor from an inbound template database based on the extracted inbound template ID, such that the retrieved inbound template is associated with a type of SMS business message format previously selected by a business user and associated with the SMS MI that was sent to the mobile recipient; and

routing, by the server, the decoded data of the incoming SMS message to a software application disposed in the server for processing of the decoded data under control of the software application

~~receiving said SMS response message;~~
~~decoding an encryption string included within said SMS response message with an appropriate key to verify that said response message is directed to said server;~~
~~extracting identification from said SMS response message for processing information included in said response;~~
~~identifying and obtaining from a database a corresponding inbound message template for said response message from said server; and~~
~~parsing said SMS response message with said inbound message template to extract data and instructions contained in said response message, if any, for processing said data and instructions.~~

24. (Currently Amended) An SMS commerce message format for use in sending a commerce message over a network to a mobile recipient, comprising:

- a message text entry field for alerting a mobile recipient about a commerce event identified in the message text entry field;
- an encryption string entry field;
- a response indicator label;
- a recipient data entry field associated with said response indicator label;
- a recipient authentication indicator label; and
- a recipient authentication data entry field associated with said recipient authentication indicator label,

wherein each of said fields and said indicator labels of said commerce message are automatically filled in with data input on a graphic user interface of a computer by a business user utilizing a SMS message composing wizard (SMS MCW) disposed in the computer which is accessed by the GUI and which retrieves a SMS universal encoding template (SMS UET) which includes pre-defined data parameters for existing categorizations (types) of SMS business message formats to automatically facilitate the filling in of said data into said fields and said indicator labels corresponding to an existing type of SMS business message format which is selected by the business user as said SMS commerce message format.

25. (Currently Amended) The SMS message format of claim 24, wherein said encryption string entry field is adapted to accept communication session identification data.

26. (Currently Amended) The SMS message format of claim 24, wherein said encryption string entry field is adapted to accept security data.

27. (Currently Amended) The SMS message format of claim 24, wherein said recipient authentication data entry field is adapted to accept a PIN number from said mobile recipient.

28. (Currently Amended) A computer program product comprising software code which is directly loadable into a memory of a digital computer and which when executed by the digital computer a method includes a SMS universal encoding template for encoding outbound SMS business messages for a data processing system for transmission over a network, comprising:

preparing, by a business user, new SMS business messages to be sent to a mobile recipient such that the business user uses a graphic user interface (GUI) of a computer to invoke a SMS message composing wizard (SMS MCW) which is accessed by the GUI such that the SMS MCW retrieves a SMS universal encoding template (SMS UET) which includes pre-defined data parameters for existing categorizations (types) of SMS business messages to automatically facilitate the preparation of the new SMS business messages by the business user such that the business user selects, using the SMS MCW, for each new SMS business message to be prepared, an existing type of SMS business message format defined by the SMS UET and then enters data at the GUI based on pre-defined data parameters for the selected type of SMS business message format to automatically prepare the new SMS business messages;

retrieving, by a data collection interface (DCI) of a server which is in communication with the computer, the data entered at the GUI of the computer by the business user to prepare the new SMS business messages;

validating, by the server, the data retrieved by the server DCI by comparing the data entered at the GUI to the SMS UET, which has been retrieved by the server, to ensure that there are no data parameter errors and to ensure that the new SMS business messages are properly formatted for the selected type(s) of SMS business message format(s);

generating for each new SMS business message, by the server, a SMS message instance (SMS MI) which is categorized based on the type of SMS business message format(s) selected by the business user; and

transmitting, by the server, each SMS MI to a wireless gateway for delivery of each SMS MI to a mobile recipient, wherein

categorization meta data defining the selected type(s)a-commerce categorization of said outbound prepare new SMS messages such that said commerce categorization (type) of said outbound SMS messages represents a specific intended business usage of eachthe outbound SMS message, wherein said categorization meta data provides definitions of each of said SMS messages and instructions that are parsable into semantic informationruntime-objects used by said data processing system to encode and generate each said SMS MI for corresponding to

said SMS business messages.